

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 27, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BLAIR, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 7473.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill for the relief of George P. Hartman, have examined the same and report:

Your committee adopt the report of the House committee as their own and report the bill favorably, recommending its passage.

HOUSE REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7473) granting a pension to George P. Hartman, submit the following report:

The soldier enlisted June 16, 1863, and was discharged July 26, 1863. The basis of claim is inflammatory rheumatism contracted in the service.

The claim was rejected in the Pension Office on the ground that there was no hospital record and the soldier was unable to show incurrence of injury according to rules of the Pension Office.

It is in evidence in the record by the soldier himself and S. F. Hartman that when the soldier enlisted he was a sound, healthy man, and that during the Gettysburgh campaign the soldier was exposed to rain for 3 days, and was constantly wet during that time, and after that the soldier had rheumatism, and is still suffering with the same.

Other witnesses testify to the incurrence of the disability of the soldier, and the committee are of opinion that the soldier contracted rheumatism in the manner stated in the record, and that it has continued to grow worse, until now it is rated by the medical board of examining surgeons at second grade locomotor ataxy. We recommend that the bill do pass